

The Lebanon Express.

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POLYGAMY, IGNORANCE AND INTemperance.

At the meeting of the republican club convention which met in New York City last week...

"We acknowledge that there yet remains much work of citizenship to be accomplished. There are relics of barbarism still but partially eradicated...

It remains to be seen whether the republicans will adopt in their national platform a plank of the above nature.

Either one of the three "relics of barbarism" mentioned is as dangerous to free institutions as ever was slavery...

"No stronger proposition in the way of National Temperance reform could be made. Mr. Foster merely quotes the language of the U. S. Supreme Court in a late decision in which Mr. Justice Harlan uses these words:

"Nor can we ignore the fact that disorder, pauperism and crime, when prevalent in a country, are, in large measure, directly traceable to this evil."

The temperance people throughout this land of freedom, made so by the sacrifice of millions of sacred lives, have almost despaired of any reformation on the part of the two great political parties...

We have never advocated a third party movement, and think it unwarranted from the fact that it is only a question of time when the business of making drunkards, paupers and criminals, will become so bothersome in the estimation of the people...

We are ready to support any party, or any man on the principle that the rumpover be removed, no matter what be the politics of either.

The last spike connecting the Oregon & California railroad was driven on Saturday last. Two great commonwealths have been united.

The principal cities of the northern coast now have free and easy intercourse. Our railway connections with California will be a great advantage to both states.

Now, it becomes the duty of Oregonians to put their houses in readiness, to be profited by the ultimate material blessings which will naturally result from the great event of last week.

Lebanon has the natural resources to attract some of the active business projects of the future, and should use every energy in that direction.

We recognize, too, in the completion of this road an offer to the producers of a considerable part of our state a larger market than they have had access to heretofore, and it will open one more channel through which the increasing tides of the more active life upon which the country is entering, will ebb and flow.

Before THE EXPRESS appears again Christmas and its festivities will be in the past. It is to be hoped that it will be an occasion to be remembered on account of the pleasant social events transpiring, which will perpetuate the festive season of 1887-88.

There are several entertainments promised aside from the Christmas tree occasion, and no doubt the people of Lebanon in their usual energetic spirit, will make all who spend the holidays here feel that they are among friends.

We wish one and all of our patrons a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

In another column will be found a correspondence between the P. O. department and Hon. Binger Herman, the faithful representative of the people of Oregon, in Congress, by which it will be seen he is strenuously importanting the department to give us a more agreeable and convenient service.

We doubt not he will soon affect the change we desire. The re-establishment of the old Star route would, we think, be as acceptable to the people as any other change.

The Denver Republican, for comment on Cleveland's message, published a cutting showing a free trade wolf, clad in sheep's clothing, and the shorn and shivering sheep standing by, while the wolf is licking his chops in preparation for eating the sheep whose coat he had stolen.

For consolation to the shivering wolf remarks: "Don't be afraid! I'll not hurt you much! I'll soon be over!"

It is to be regretted that work has been stopped on the O. P. R. R. This is a very important road for the Willamette valley, and it is to be hoped the company will be able to get things to shape to proceed again, soon.

As a United States Senator from Oregon, Hon. Binger Herman would be a most faithful representative of the people. We do not take this view of his political standing, but as

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Cleveland's annual message to Congress is certainly unique in two respects at least—its unusual length, and owing to the fact that it is devoted almost exclusively to the discussion of a single subject—the Treasury surplus.

The immunities of Mr. Lammie to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Vilas to be Secretary of the Interior, and Mr. Dickinson to be Secretary of the Treasury, while an entire cabinet, as such action has long been forestalled by the press of the country, as well as furnished in this correspondence, some Southern Congressmen, including Mr. Lammie, who are themselves supposed to be a scheme of the President to capture the Treasury and the Interior for the Democracy, he has realized that the South is safe anyhow, and nothing can be gained for his party there.

The opening of the Fifteenth Congress was attended by the usual large crowds, and the air and bustle incident to such an occasion of great public interest, though there was no friction or excitement either in the organization of the Senate or the House. Unquestionable mirth was evoked in the House over the drawing for seats by the members, with the exception of Messrs. Kelley, Cox and Randall, who, by reason of long and well-pedigreed characters, being at the mercy of fate. It is more of an object to secure a choice seat in the House than in the Senate, the former body is not noted for its orderly proceedings.

In both House and Senate there was a lavish display of lovely flowers in the shape of stars, anchors, and crosses, upon the desks of the popular and prominent members. Before the seat of one member I noticed a floral basket more than seven feet in length. Nor must I forget to mention this occasion on the report that Misses Percival and the largest of the sprightly members, who had from Illinois. As she scanned the books of Congress for the old familiar faces of the past, many of them, almost mistaking—some down in the bustle of the bellows, of these, here were some comparisons for absence than Messrs. Sherman, Williams, and Brough in the House, and Harrison, Sewell, Landrum, and Mahone in the Senate. There is no better place in the world to form an impressive idea of the "Yankees" in the lives of American statesmen than in the capital of the United States, when a new Congress convenes, and the representatives of the people and of the States, stand by scores in front of the grand old edifice to be sworn in.

Speaker Carlisle announces that he will report the House committee before the holidays, and states that he is very likely to do so unless there is too great a scramble for the best seats. The report is to be made in such a way, however, that he is aware from experience that if any member will be likely to quarrel with the very difficulty which he seeks to avoid.

Mr. Tammie proposes to introduce a bill in the House to consolidate into a Department of Industries and Public Works the following bureaus: Agricultural Department, Labor Bureau, Woodland Bureau, Bureau of Patent, Coast Survey, Geological Survey, Fish Commission, the Bureau of Census and several other minor bureaus. This is virtually the revival of an old bill that was designed to raise the head of the Agricultural Department to the dignity of a Cabinet position, and to increase from six to a better class of officers than as originally named.

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS.

When you sell your produce by sample, show a sample that the goods will equal.

A mistake made by many farmers, is wintering more fowls than the quarts will accommodate. Nothing so soon engenders disease.

Ohio will hold one hundred farmers institutes the coming winter, and Wisconsin has arranged for eighty-two.

Don't force your hens to lay themselves out by giving too much stimulating egg producing food, especially if your birds are worth anything.

Dr. Hoskins says that the discovery of the Wealthy apple has extended profitable apple culture at least one hundred miles further to the North than it has heretofore.

A few hours or a half a day can take most profitable spent now in going around and mulling up every up every loose board or putting in the fence or putting the rails or posts to their places and fastening them securely.

Fourteen years ago the first creamery was started in Iowa. Now that state has 485 creameries, 36 cheese factories and 1,000,000 cows, and makes for export 85,000,000 pounds of butter annually.

The most critical period in the life of a calf is the first winter, but it will bring no serious risk if the animal have abundant food of good quality and good comfortable quarters with freedom from parasitic insects.

The driver well patent is held to be invalid by the circuit court and the decision is sustained by the supreme court, on the proof that the invention was used in public by another man two years before the present patent was applied for.

There is a movement in South Carolina to have the legislature declare farm mortgages void on the ground of usury, the cause being that mortgages on hundreds of acres of farming land in that state mature soon.

A prominent Englishman lately advised Cheshire farmers not to allow a cow to remain in their hands which did not give from calf to calf at least 600 gallons a year, as it cost as much to keep a cow that did not give 600 gallons as a cow that did.

It has been decided to have modern creaming done at all Wisconsin institutes the coming winter and have butter publicly made. Opportunity will be given to manufacturers of creamers to exhibit, raise cream, and make butter if they desire.

The buyers of first-class hotels and restaurants, state that there is more difficulty in obtaining superior mutton than any kind of meat, poultry or game. If this be true it should give a good hint to farmers in all sections of the country.

The number of cattle in the United States in January, 1887, was over 45,000,000. Of this number at least 15,000,000 were milk cows. In value these milk cows represent more than one-third of the capital invested in cattle.

The consumption of mutton is increasing in this country, especially in our large cities, and it has become profitable to supply this demand. It is profitable, first, because the price is remunerative, and secondly, because it is promotive of good husbandry, the improvement of the soil.

The farmer used to be, in the old stories, the clown of society, the type of stupidity and boorishness. That day has gone by, and his virtues and real nobility of nature, and large knowledge of practical things best worth knowing, are acknowledged and respected.

The influence of the best seed to produce the best crop may be estimated by the superiority of "thoroughbred" over common stock, and the same principles apply to the production of vegetables and fruit as in the production of the best and finest grades of cattle.

There are hundreds of thousands of acres of mountain lands that now produce almost nothing for human food or clothing, which might yield immense products of these if stocked with mountain sheep, and they would do this with little care and expense to their owners.

A correspondent of the Rural World says no doubt that mutton can be produced by producing the right kind, and the right kind must have weight and plenty of lean, juicy and tender meat. The systematic saving of manure through the winter, even from a small amount of stock, is a great help.

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